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In re Application of:  
**Tadayoshi Nagaoka**

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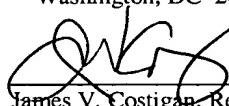
**AMENDMENT**

SIR:

This Amendment is being filed in response to the Office Action that was mailed November 20, 2002. Kindly amend the above identified application as follows:

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